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OAK GROVE MAN SENTENCED IN METH CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Oak Grove, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for participating in a conspiracy to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine in Jackson County, Mo.

Richard W. Clough, Jr., 30, of Oak Grove, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to six years and eight months in federal prison without parole.

On April 8, 2004, **Clough** pleaded guilty to his role in a conspiracy to manufacture and distribute more than 500 grams of methamphetamine in Jackson County from Oct. 1, 1999, to July 31, 2001. **Clough** was originally indicted by a federal grand jury on April 16, 2003.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Charles E. Ambrose, Jr. It was investigated by the Jackson County Drug Task Force, Missouri State Highway Patrol, and the Metro Meth Task Force.

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